

What is claimed is:

1. A method for authorizing transfer of a candidate content against a data
store storing extracted feature data for reference content, comprising:
5 extracting first feature data from the candidate content; and
sending extracted feature data to a sever configured to perform
selecting reference feature data from the data store,
comparing extracted feature data with the reference feature data, and
determining an authorization for transfer of the candidate content based at
10 least in part on the comparing.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the reference content comprises an
image.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the reference content comprises a video.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the first feature data is extracted from a
central portion of the candidate content.

20 5. The method of claim 1, wherein extracting first feature data comprises:
apportioning the candidate content into plural sub-regions; and
extracting feature data from the plural sub-regions.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein each sub-region is at most ten percent of the candidate content.

7. The method of claim 5, wherein the sub-regions have at least one dimensional extent less than or equal to 64 pixels.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein extracting first feature data comprises: apportioning the candidate content into plural sub-regions; and performing edge detection on the plural sub-regions.

9. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
determining first sub-regions for a first frame of the candidate content;
determining second sub-regions for a second frame of the candidate content;
extracting the first feature data from the first sub-regions; and
extracting a second feature data from the second sub-regions.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein extracting the first feature data comprises selected ones of: performing edge detection, and detecting motion of an object of the first frame to the second frame.

11. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
performing the method with a network browser plug-in.

12. A method for authorizing transfer of a candidate content against a data storage storing extracted feature data for reference content, comprising:

receiving feature data for the candidate content;

selecting first reference feature data from the data storage,

first comparing the received feature data to the first reference feature data; and

authorizing transfer of the candidate content based at least in part on the first comparing.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein the received feature data comprises extracted feature data for a portion of the candidate content, and the first reference feature data comprises extracted feature data for a first portion of the reference content.

14. The method of claim 13, further comprising:

determining a non-match between the received feature data and the first reference feature data;

selecting second reference feature data from the data storage comprising extracted feature data for a second portion of the reference content; and

second comparing the second reference content to the received feature data.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein the first and the second portions of the reference content overlap.

16. The method of claim 14, further comprising: